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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT (TCA)

REF: STATE 195426

BEGIN SUMMARY: MINSTATE FINANCE ABA AL-KHAIL HAS DISCUSSED TCA WITH AMB AND DEPASST SECY SOBER IN POSITIVE TONES. HE INTENDS TO SUBMIT HIS COMMENTS TO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (OR COMMITTEE) WITHIN NEXT WEEK OR TWO. HE WAS ASSURED THAT U.S. PREPARED TO SIGN TCA PROMPTLY, BUT DOES NOT WISH TO DO ANYTHING SAG IS NOT YET PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE. NUMBER OF U.S. PERSONNEL IN SAUDI ARABIA WOULD BE AT A LEVEL AGREEABLE TO SAG. RE PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING ASSISTANCE, ABAL KHAYL WAS TOLD THIS WOULD BE UP TO SAG BUT THAT WE WOULD NOT THINK IT A GOOD IDEA FOR EACH MINISTRY TO SEND REQUESTS IN TO THE USG DIRECTLY. UNTIL TCA SIGNED, THE SENDING OF EXPERTS WILL BE FUNDED FROM DR. SULAIM'S SPECIAL BUDGET.

THE MINISTER AGREED THAT THE POSTING OF AN EMBASSY OFFICER  
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TO RIYADH WOULD BE HELPFUL. END SUMMARY

1. AMB AND DEPASST SECY SOBER CALLED ON MINSTATE FINANCE ABA AL-KHAIL EVENING OF SEPT 11 IN JIDDA TO DISCUSS (A) TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT (B) FUNDING OF EXPERTS FOR SEPT AND OCT AND (C) NOTIFICATION THAT AN EMBASSY OFFICER WOULD BE POSTED FOR LIAISON WITH THE U.S. SAUDI COMMISSION IN RIYADH.

2. ABA AL-HAIL NOTED WITH APPROVAL THAT EIGHT EXPERTS WERE ALREADY WORKING IN KINGDOM AND SAID THAT THERE WAS NO DOUBT ABOUT SERIOUSNESS AND INTENTION OF SAG TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE NEW RELATIONSHIP. HE LISTENED WITH INTEREST TO DEPASST SECY'S EXPLANATION OF POSITIVE BACKING IN WASHINGTON AT ALL LEVELS AND IN CONGRESS.

3. PICKING UP THE COPY OF THE TCA SENT HIM FOR COMMENTS BY MINFORAFFAIRS, HE FOCUSED COMMENTS ON PARA 3 AND ASKED WHAT WAS MEANT BY PROJECTS IN KINGDOM? IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE WORD MEANT PROGRAMS FULLY APPROVED BY SAG. IN NO CASE DID THE U.S. WISH TO BECOME INVOLVED IN PUSHING ANY OF ITS OWN PROGRAMS OR PROJECTS, THOUGH IT MIGHT CHOOSE TO SUGGEST DIFFERENT APPROACHES AFTER STUDYING REQUESTS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF SAUDI ARABIA.

4. THE MINISTER THEN TURNED TO QUESTION OF WHAT WAS MEANT BY HIRING OF CONSULTANTS OUTSIDE USG? THIS WAS EXPLAINED AS NECESSARY TO GIVE LATITUDE TO U.S. IN ITS CHOICE OF INSTRUMENTS OR EXPERTS TO USE IN CARRYING OUT A PROGRAM. THE BEST MIGHT IN SOME CASES BE OUTSIDE THE USG. THE AMB SAID THAT THE SPEED AND DIRECTION OF ALL AMERICAN HELP WOULD BE DETERMINED BY SAG AND NO PROGRAM WOULD BE INITIATED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF SAG.

5. THIRD POINT OF INTEREST TO THE MINISTER WAS STATEMENT IN PARA 5 OF TCA THAT SOME PERSONNEL WOULD BE LOCATED IN SAUDI ARABIA. IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT PERSONNEL TO SUPPORT EXPERTS OR ACTUAL RESIDENT EXPERTS FOR CONSULTATION WITH SAG WOULD BE SENT BUT ONLY AFTER FULL AGREEMENT OF SAG. THE MINISTER THEN ASKED WHAT MECHANISM

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IS SUGGESTED FOR REQUESTING ASSISTANCE? AMBASSADOR REPLIED SAG WOULD HAVE TO WORK OUT ITS OWN MECHANISMS, BUT IT SEEMED TO BE GOOD IDEA THAT A CENTRAL CLEARING HOUSE BE ESTABLISHED TO RECEIVE REQUESTS AND THAT MINISTRIES NOT BE PERMITTED TO INITIATE THEM DIRECTLY WITHOUT CLEARANCE. THE REQUESTS WOULD BE CHANNELED THROUGH STATE AND THEN TO TREASURY FOR RECOMMENDATION AND IMPLEMENTATION. THE MINISTER WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED

IN WHO WOULD HANDLE THE REQUESTS ON THE AMERICAN SIDE,  
AND IT WAS EMPHASIZED IN REPLY BY AMB THAT ALL REQUESTS WOULD BE  
SERIOUSLY LOOKED AT, AND THERE WOULD BE NO  
BUREAUCRATIC PROBLEMS.

5. THE MINISTER THEN SAID THAT HE COULD ASSURE US THAT  
EVERYTHING WOULD BE ALL RIGHT ONCE TCA WAS SIGNED.  
HE HOPED TO SEND HIS COMMENTS TO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS  
(OR POSSIBLY A COMMITTEE) WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.  
BY OCTOBER, THE WHOLE PROGRAM IN ALL FIELDS SHOULD BE  
OUTLINED AND THEN SAG AND USG COULD COME TO AN AGREE-  
MENT. AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED THAT U.S. SIDE HAD NEGOTIATING  
AUTHORITY TO SIGN TCA NOW.

6. THE PROBLEM OF EXPERTS PRESENTLY BEING RECRUITED  
WAS RAISED. HOW MIGHT THEY BE FUNDED? THE MINISTER  
SAW NO PROBLEM AND THOUGHT THAT DR. SULAIM'S SPECIAL  
FUNDS COULD BE USED FOR THIS.

7. REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF SENDING SOME ADDI-  
TIONAL AND HIGHER-LEVEL OFFICIALS TO THE LATE SEPT  
MEETING ON INDUSTRIALIZATION IN WASHINGTON, THE MINISTER  
SAID THAT HE HOPED TO ATTRACT SOME FOR THIS TRIP.  
HE WOULD KEEP US INFORMED.

8. THE AMB INFORMED THE MINISTER THAT AN OFFICER  
ATTACHED TO THE EMBASSY WOULD BECOME THE LIAISON WITH  
THE U.S./SAUDI JOINT COMMISSION. THE MINISTER EXPRESSED  
SOME INTEREST AND SAID THAT THIS WOULD BE HELPFUL.  
HE NOTED THAT OF COURSE THEY ALL REALIZED THAT THE  
AMBASSADOR WAS FULLY RESPONSIBLE IN THE END FOR QUOTE  
ARRANGING EVERYTHING UNQUOTE.

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